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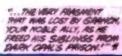


























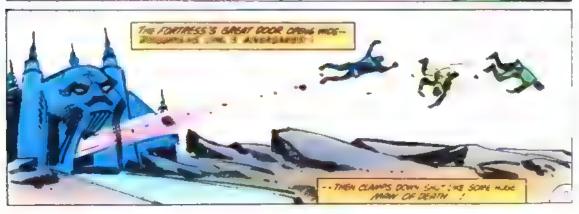




























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BACK AT THE RANCH with quest columnist Robert Loren Freming

It you enjoy team books such as THE NEW TEEN TITANS BATMAN & THE OUTSIDERS THE LEGION OF SUPER HEROES and THE JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA, prepare vourselves for THRILLER because it a next like easy of them? THRILLER refers to the main character an omnipotent ethereal lemals who performs the godlike function of manipulating and coordinating earthly events. Sort of a cross-between Jesus Christ and my mom

THRILLER's team is called THE SEVEN SECONDS because they reher 'seconds' in the light against crime and evil. Actually they function more as eperatives than as a team like THE SHADOW's crew or DOC SAVAGE's men. But if you get right down to it, they re not operatives either They re an Italian tamily. The Salvotinia. Allow me to introduce you.

DANIEL GROVE is the only normal op in this outlit. He is a cameramen for the Sate is a News Network and all he wanted out of life was to end if THRILLER had other plane for this relationship hero.

DATA is a genius who lives in the back seat of his Rolls Royce (he dives the car with his brain). He shot interested in brushing his teeth or playing volleyball or seeing SUPERMAN THE MOVIE he just wants infermation. Big, heaping gobs of it.

WHITE SATIN is beautiful, but deadly! One brush of her fingers and you may die laughing or womiting

or you may lail asleep or stiffen like a board and that's only assuming you won't just plain drop dead! She's the girl who everyone's in love with but is it really worth it?

SALVO is Teny Salvotini
ThRILLER a two brother and a crack shot who can blow your eyelashes off at thirty paces or up off a thing a windbreaker with live some He a tee geed a shot to ever have to kill—his creed. Only teek wounds! Only out patients!! I won't kill a fly, so don't sek me.

BEAKER PARISH is an enormous

synthetic Roman Catholic priest created in an Erlenmeyer beaker by two zenegade Harvard medical students Adopted by a Roman Catholic parish, including the Salvotini lamity, the artificial beby grew into a nine foot tall seminary student Amen

PROXY used to be Robert Furrillo actor before he almost burned himself to death freebasing cocaine. The synthetic skin that saved his ite proved unstable—it tends to melf every 24 hours. Now he can become enyene for a day depending on how he applies his artificial flesh (it comes in plastic bags.)

CRACKERJACK is an underaged illegal immigrant from Honduras who is also a master sucape attest pickpocket, safecracker and contortional But his fuverite occupation is watching television and eating Front Loops

That's my family, hope you like them! They go on exciting adventures, light horrible viliains like SCABBARD (he s got a three-loot long scimitar sheathed in the skin of his back! That's right!) and make new friends like KANE CREOLE, rock & roll bankrobber (thinks he s you know who). Hey, I knew they re weeld.



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PS Thanks Dick!











You re welcome. Bob I don't know it I had the energy to write this column anyway—too much travelin' lately I'll tell you all about it next month' Thank you and good atternoon

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Dear Karen.

Well, you people have done it again! Another eventful, dramatic, and entirely captivating issue of Amethyst, Princess of Gernworld! As a certain friend from LSH would say. "C'est incrovable!"

in the course of "The Uninvited", we saw the leaders of all but one (I expect. Ruby) of the Royal Houses of the Gemworld. I expect Lady Turquoise and Lord. Moonstone to become very gowerful allies to our purple Princess (isn't she. as only survivor of the Amethyst line. entitled to the rank of Lady Amethyst?). as will Prince Topaz, who will be able to draw at least some of the Topaz Magic away from his sister, as Granch and the others did against the Opal. No doubt. there will be formidable resistance to the rise of Amethyst from the Ladies Topaz and Sapphire, and others I'm Sure

Above, I used the word "dramatic" And truly, Amethysi's appearance at Topaz Keep was very dramatic. In the midst of a potentially disastrous situation, actions are carefully crafted to keep things as far from riccous as possible And little bits of business (Garnet and Emeraki, Lord and Prince Topaz, love that Lady Turquoise) kept things at the very edge of Armageddon. Well done, everyone

Characterization, writing and art (f) continue to impress me no end, as well as the incredible contribution made by John. Tom, and ours truly (that's you. Karen)

So, until next time, when we (hopefully) learn where everyone stands, and what happened to the twelfth house

Continued Success!

Robert Hagiwara 15631 SE 24th St Ballavus, WA 98008

Amethyst being the only survivor of her house is entitled to the rank of Lady, as you mention, Robert, but since Amethyst has only been a princess for such a short time, she doesn't feel that she's earned the right to that title yet. Remember the noble revalty of the Gemworld are people of honor and principle (the good ones are at least) and Amethyst more than anyone wants to make sure that she's ready to bear the name of "Lady". Princess Topaz, on the other hand, practically proclaimed herself the Lady of her house before her father was even dead! The Gemworld regal folks certainly are a colorful bunch in more ways than one, as our next letter nicely points out.

Dear Karen.

This is a note of thanks for the finest fantasy comic to come along in many a year. Amethyst is an interesting character in her own right but the supporting cast makes the whole magazine work right.

"The Uninvited" (issue #7) was probably the best chapter of the whole story, as the flights and flights of Amethyst were put aside, at least in the physical realm. We received insight into the petty quarrels of the Gernworld and met more people than ever before. I enjoyed meeting Lady Turquoise and Lord Moonstone. They should be interesting to watch.

Speaking of watching. Amethyst looked radiant in her gown. No doubt this was to draw attention to her existence but Ernie outdid himself. Keep Amethyst this beautiful with tales this good and you'll have at least one happy leader.

Chris Robinson 704 Maple Lane Brownsbury, IN 46112

Dear Friends.

I suppose Amethyst #7 can be considered the turning point of the series. The series is half over. The events within the story show a turn toward more serious action on a larger scale. Even Dark Opal noticed it.

But the true indication is this. Amethyst showed throughout the story, a maturity and confidence not evidence abefore. She has truly grown and learned. Oh, she has her "little Amy" side, but business is business and she seems to be prepared to handle things now.

I liked Lady Turquoise and hope to be seeing a lot more of her.

That's all for now, Dennis K. Catucci 20 Barrington St Westbury, NY 11590

Lady Turquoise seems to have caught the fancy of many of our readers. Dennis, I think Amethyst described her perfectly by calling her a wild one, and as we've been seeing, her flery determination, courage and tenacity have been very helpful to Amethyst and her matter.

Dear Karen,

When I first collected comics, I just collected them because they were first issues and I thought they would be collector items. When I went to the store

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to look at comics and I saw Amethyst #1. I said. "Ah, another first issue "I took it out and bought it. When I arrived home. I started to read it. I never expected Amethyst to be this good. The characters have well portrayed roles, especially Dark Opsi.

I usually read fantasies like "Dungeons and Dragons" books and "The Hobbit" but this fantasy is the one I've been looking for. This is my top, favorite comic Ernie Colon's artwork is dazzling. The layouts are superbland get me more involved in the story. It almost makes me feet that it's part of reality, really happening.

The script is the most impressive of all it shows all sides of Amethyst and most of all, it shows the real Amethyst I think the script is a classic.

Now, six issues have passed and we're at issue number seven. I was very surprised at Lord Opal's approach in this issue. In a way, he was different from other issues. It seemed as though he didn't care or maybe he knew what was going to happen at the wedding. I have a feeling that Amethyst will fell for Prince Topaz. She acts like she doesn't care for him, but I think she has feelings for him elsewhere.

I've been wondering if Amethyst will return to Earth to see her parents. I also think that when Amethyst mentioned "the seven seas" it started to get me wondering Perhaps Gemworld is Earth in the future. Maybe Amethyst's portal was a dimension door into the future. Hopefully I'll find out soon.

When I thought this comic was just going to be a normal first issue, another ordinary series, I was wrong. This is more than a collector's item! Continue the superb. marvelous work!

Lots of luck and success.

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Gernworld isn't Earth in the future (as we found out the dimension's true origin in issue number eight), but your hypothesis was very good. And as for Dark Opal's relatively cool behavior at the wedding, the calculating Lord was sitting back, observing and planning his future tactics, which is the way many great minds, even evil ones, like to work.

Dear Karen,

With the introduction of Prince Topazican only guess that he and Amethyst will be thrown together to become lovers and later on King and Queen of

the Gernworld. But of course first they have to dethrone Dark Opel which is an act that may seem impossible but they ill do it. I have the utmost confidence in these two and I know they'll do it. Besides, I know of the Dark night curse that was put on Dark Opel the day he became ruler of the Gernworld by the Unknown Onel So I know that Dark Opel has a short time left before he is dethroned by Amethyst and Company!

I have one more question before I go. Will Arny's adopted parents join her in her fight against Dark Opal in the Germyortd?

> Sincerely yours, Donavon R. Ice Jr. R.D. #4 Cedar Menor Elizabethtown, PA 17022

The Unknown One? Who's that? Dan, Gary, are you forgetting to tell me something? About those answers to your questions, Donovan, do you really think if d give away all those great climactic answers now, with only two issues left?

Dear Karen, Den, Gary and Ernie,

My sister and I would like to congratulate you on the spectacular work you all do on the Amethyst maxi-series. We have read the first seven and we loved them. My favorite was Amethyst #7. I was quite sorry that Lord Topaz died, but that's the way life goes. Are young Topaz and Amethyst ever going to marry? I'm also hoping Lord and Lady Moonstone have more to do with Amethyst (They are my birthstone). But, I guess I will have to wait until the last five editions are on the market to find out. I would also like to know what/who are the faces that are seen on the cloaks of Dark Goal and Garnet?

Thanks for creating Amethysti

Sincerely, Patrick Bairefoet 24 Creetfield Rd. Greenville, SC 29805

Faces seem to be part of the general fashion and architectural style of the Gernworld, Patrick, they're not supposed to be representing anyone in particular.

Dear Karen

Well, Amethyst has indeed reeched the halfway point in its tweeve-issue run, and I find myself dreading the end of this intriguing series. Fantasy and adventure have never been better in comics than this. And, if the book must end, which I will now officially vote against, I hope we will see your and the other multi-talented people of this book is work elsewhere at DC I would miss that even more than Amethyst.

But, now on to happier things. As befits the middle chapter of the series, the penultimate battle, or rather confrontation, has taken place between Amethyst and Dark Opal. And although the two never really went up against each other, an important step was taken in this issue. The time has come for the people of Germworld to rise up and choose sides, for none will be left unaffected after the final confrontation.

oraise Lord Garnet for his open-ended devotion to Amethyst, and for his courage and ingenuity in aiding her. The same goes for Lady Turquoise. This fiery maiden will definitely be a force to be reckoned with in the months ahead. I could say the same for Prince Topaz and Lord and Lady Moonstone, but that will all come up again in the future. And Dark Opel definitely has some firm allies, as Lady Topaz, Sapphire, and others demonstrated. But one other Gernworld noble that I admire is Lady Emerald. This being my birthstone, I can identify with her completely. As most people with the emerald birthstone are also Taurus', she displayed the perfect mixture of sensitivity and fury that is the trademark of this symbol. I know, for I often have the same feelings. I like this lady a lot.

Ernie Colon's art leaves me more and more stunned and awad each time I read Amethyst. No other artist could portray the people of Germworld and their courageous leader quite so well. And no one else could make Dark Opel such a fear-some menace, visually. The same goes for Dan Mishkin, who not only writes the personalities of the characters, but makes them come alive and give meaning to the word realism. This team, along with the other talented creative people on the book, are winners from start to finish.

And speaking of finishing, this letter is getting lengthy, so I better finish it up. A hearty helio to Amethyst and company, and an equal thumbs-down to Dark Opal and his minions. Both leave me absolutely speechless. And if you believe that after this letter, maybe

you've been reading too many comics.
Yours faithfully,

Dustan Leary 117 Emeirne Place Morehead Crty, N.C. 28557

Dear Karen of the Gemworld,

This comic is just...if you'll pardon the expression...OUT OF THIS WORLD!! I have never seen anything like this before! A lot of comics center on the actions and reactions of the heroes without giving them much depth Amethyst is a three-dimensional person-with feelings and emotions as well as power. That's what makes this story work so well and being a limited series, it allows for this development to be fully explored. After reading issue #7, I'm hoping for a glorious bettle between not only Amethyst and Dark Opal, but between the other royalties! In fact, I'm waiting to see Lady Topaz and Fawns get it good. Opel's villainy is clearly understood and deserves everything that he's got coming to him!

I hope Lady Emerald gets her revenge and this time, no one should be there to stop her! The cover art was far-out and Amethyst's hair looked quite good at the wedding. If you wanted to know, my birthstone is Topaz and my school's color is purple (our gemistone for the ring is Amethyst!). Keep up the good work!

Forever waiting for the next issue.

Andrew Chen
Hunter College High School

Next Month: Prince Topaz held captive, Lady Emerald on the brink of insanity and Amethyst and her crew approach the Dark Lord's domain! See you then... Karen

